



City Councilmember Application

SECTION ONE

Applicant Name: <u>Steve McNeer</u>	
Residence/Property Address: <u>[Redacted]</u> <u>Gardner, KS 66030</u>	
Date Residence Established (MM/DD/YY): <u>08/10/2009</u>	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): <u>[Redacted]</u>
Mailing Address: <u>[Redacted]</u> <u>Gardner KS 66030</u>	
Home Phone: <u>[Redacted]</u>	Work Phone: <u>[Redacted]</u>
Cell Phone: <u>[Redacted]</u>	Email Address: <u>[Redacted]</u>
Place of Employment: <u>Keller Williams Legacy Partners</u>	
Position held: <u>Realtor</u>	Product/Service rendered: <u>Real Estate Sales</u>
Spouse's place of employment: <u>USD 231</u>	
Position held: <u>Special Ed Para</u>	Product/Service rendered: <u>Special Ed Job Coach</u>

The office of City Council must be held by a qualified elector.

1. Are you registered to vote at the above property address? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," skip to the next section. If "no," answer questions 2-3.
2. Please provide proof of U.S. Citizenship. Provide a copy or show the document to the City Clerk. Acceptable documents include:
 - Birth certificate that verifies U.S. citizenship
 - U.S. passport (may be expired)
 - U.S. naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty number or tribal enrollment number
 - U.S. hospital record of birth indicating place of birth in the U.S.
 - U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's name and U.S. birthplace
3. Have you been convicted of a felony under the laws of any State or of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - a. If "yes," have you been pardoned for such conviction or had your civil rights restored? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - b. If "yes," provide an executed authorization to conduct a criminal records search to verify such pardon or restoration of civil rights and submit documentation demonstrating such pardon or restoration of civil rights.

SECTION TWO

1. Have you attended a City Council meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No Several

2. Why do you wish to serve on the City Council?

See Attached

3. Have you served on any other City board or commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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4. The City Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. How much time can you devote to serving each month?

*As much time that is necessary
for Council Activities & Preparation time*

5. Describe any work or volunteer experience you have related to the function of the City Council.

See Attached

6. Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the City Council.

See Attached

7. Do you or your spouse have any monetary interest, direct or indirect, to any pending or incomplete transaction or contract to which the City is, or is to be, a party? ☐ Yes ☒ No

a. If "yes," please explain:

SECTION THREE

1. How did you learn about this vacancy (please check all that apply)?

- ☐ City Website
☐ City's Facebook Page
☐ City's Twitter
☐ City email blast
☐ The Gardner News

☒ Word of mouth

☒ Other *Community Involvement*

SECTION FOUR

Signature: I swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Gardner, Kansas, that I am at least 18 years old, that if convicted of a felony, I have been pardoned or had my civil rights restored and that I have told the truth on this application.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

10/7/14

Date

NOTE: If you are not appointed to serve at this time, your application will be kept on file for 12 months from the date it was received and will be reconsidered as vacancies occur.

Return application to the City Clerk's Office, 120 E. Main Street, Gardner, KS 66030
Email: cityclerk@gardnerkansas.gov Fax: (913) 856-0997

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Application Question Answers

Steve McNeer

Question

2. Why do you wish to serve on the City Council

I have lived and voted within the city limits of Gardner, KS since 2009, and lived within the Gardner Edgerton School District since 2000.

I am active in the community, through my Church Divine Mercy Catholic Community as a lector at Mass, membership in Knights of Columbus, a past Grand Knight, and officer in our local council for 12 years.

I am also a full time realtor with Keller Williams, and have been active as a realtor in the area full time since 2002. In that time I was the first on site agent at Waverly Point, selling 28 homes in our first year of operation.

My wife and I are active in Gardner Community Garden, I have been a member of Gardner Chamber (though not currently), and a current member of Gardner Edgerton Republican Party.

My wife Mina and I own a home at [REDACTED] Our son Adam and Daughter in Law Shantel are building a home in Fairfield Subdivision on 185th St. Mina has been a Special Education Job Coach and Para at GEHS for 14 years. Our son Aaron and his Fiancé are currently under contract to buy a home in Gardner.

As all can see, Gardner is our home, and we care deeply for and are active in our community. While there are many great benefits to our community, I believe we can and must improve.

As a Councilmember, I will seek to grow our tax base by helping to promote policy that will attract new and growing businesses to our community, bringing with them employment, economic growth, and tax revenue. I would seek to flatten the rapid growth of property tax increases (mostly automatic through growth in property values), through reduction in MIL levies, encourage builders and new home construction to return to Gardner, and in general, promote policies that encourage economic growth and job opportunity.

5. Describe any work or volunteer experience you have related to the function of City Council

As a licensed Realtor, I have had the benefit of thoroughly understanding the issues related to home and business ownership in Gardner. Helping new homeowners in our community understand why taxes, and utilities are dis-proportionately high for Gardner as opposed to the general area, the value of our schools, and quality of life.

I also understand how, at times it may seem difficult to get approvals to construct new commercial and to a lesser degree residential structures in Gardner. Also, how it is sometimes difficult to open some types of businesses in our community. Businesses that in most cases are needed and wanted by the community at large.

As a self-employed business owner, I fully understand the issues that face all small business people, and will promote and champion the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owner, as well as the self-

employed. Additionally, I have served for over 20 years in the Corporate, IT, and Tele-Communications field.

I have led our Knights of Columbus Council as Grand Knight for a two year term, led and guided our council as an officer for 12 years. I am a leader in our church, serving as a Lector at Mass, as well as Eucharistic Minister.

I have been active in the past in both the Gardner as well as Olathe Chambers of Commerce.

I am an active member of the Gardner – Edgerton Republican Party

I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving 6 years on active duty from 1976 – 1982.

6. Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the City Council

1. 20 years experience in the corporate sales world, selling IT, telecommunications systems, and network integration projects
2. 12 years self employed business owner
3. BPI Certified in Energy Efficiency Management, Energy Audit, and Energy Expense Management
4. Licensed Realtor 12 Yrs
5. 6 Years IT and Telecommunications Consultant
6. Various Knights of Columbus council leadership roles